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Question:

Museums play a role in molding people into cultured citizens. In this regard, please advise this Committee of:

- (a) the attendance figure of each museum or art space under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD), in tabulated form, in the past 5 years; and
- (b) the operating expenses of each museum or art space under the LCSD in the past 5 years.

Asked by: Hon CHENG Wing-shun, Vincent (LegCo internal reference no.: 48)

Reply:

- (a) The attendance figures of the museums and art spaces under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) in the past 5 years are set out at **Annex I**.
- (b) The recurrent expenditures (excluding staff salaries) of the museums and art spaces under the LCSD in the past 5 years are set out at **Annex II**.

Annex I to Reply Serial No. CSTB291

**Attendances of Museums and Art Spaces
under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Museum/Art Space		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24⁽¹⁾
1	Hong Kong Museum of Art	116 493 ⁽²⁾	233 273	579 036	583 537	1 440 297
2	Hong Kong Museum of History ⁽³⁾	654 849	132 298	257 145	325 248	549 197
3	Hong Kong Heritage Museum	538 610	94 243	326 427	450 561	697 489
4	Hong Kong Science Museum	875 809	101 930	1 074 769	1 101 143	1 277 858
5	Hong Kong Space Museum	652 833	55 466 ⁽⁴⁾	497 269 ⁽⁴⁾	608 456	957 366
6	Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence ⁽⁵⁾	-	-	-	84 953	153 457
7	Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum	56 184	10 811	47 386	68 747	81 334
8	Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery	40 021	18 849	50 346	63 511	56 935
9	Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware	108 760	24 267	55 407	78 135	85 647
10	Hong Kong Railway Museum	200 702	66 779	134 354	168 518	219 044
11	Law Uk Folk Museum	9 771	2 875	7 880	9 331	16 751
12	Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum	35 033	9 041	19 107	21 845	26 207
13	Sam Tung Uk Museum	68 339	9 189	33 764	57 387	92 179
14	Sheung Yiu Folk Museum	30 015	16 860	26 592 ⁽⁶⁾	17 380 ⁽⁶⁾	33 395
15	Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre	42 494	12 907	38 640	44 147	44 963
16	Oi!	129 708	39 011	81 835	623 175 ⁽⁷⁾	635 966
17	Hong Kong Film Archive	106 203	21 205	44 497	64 354	88 231
Total		3 665 824⁽⁸⁾	849 004⁽⁸⁾	3 274 454⁽⁸⁾	4 370 428⁽⁸⁾	6 456 316

Notes

- (1) Attendance as at 29 February 2024.
- (2) The Hong Kong Museum of Art was temporarily closed from 3 August 2015 to 29 November 2019 for renovation.
- (3) The permanent exhibition of the Hong Kong Museum of History has been temporarily closed for revamp since 19 October 2020.

- (4) The Space Theatre of the Hong Kong Space Museum was temporarily closed from 1 May 2020 to 30 June 2021 for renovation.
- (5) The Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence was temporarily closed from 17 September 2018 to 23 November 2022 for major repair and renovation.
- (6) The Sheung Yiu Folk Museum was temporarily closed from 1 December 2021 to 22 December 2022 for repair.
- (7) Oi! underwent an expansion project in 2019. The new extension opened on 24 May 2022.
- (8) Due to the impact of the COVID-19 epidemic, museums and venues under the LCSD were temporarily and intermittently closed from 2020 to 2022.

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**Recurrent Expenditures (Excluding Staff Salaries) of Museums and Art Spaces
under the Leisure and Cultural Services Department from 2019-20 to 2023-24**

Museum/Art Space		2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
		(Actual Expenditure) (\$ million)	(Actual Expenditure) (\$ million)	(Actual Expenditure) (\$ million)	(Actual Expenditure) (\$ million)	(Revised Estimate) (\$ million)
1	Hong Kong Museum of Art and its branch museum ⁽¹⁾	103.63	121.85	107.86	133.99 ⁽²⁾	120.32
2	Hong Kong Museum of History and its branch museums ⁽³⁾	105.46	102.54	101.12	121.45	106.1
3	Hong Kong Heritage Museum and its branch museums ⁽⁴⁾	83.6	94.79	102.95 ⁽⁵⁾	84.54	95.51
4	Hong Kong Science Museum and its branch museum ⁽⁶⁾	124.7	132.45	138.16	142.72	136.92
5	Intangible Cultural Heritage Office ⁽⁷⁾	21.03	17.91	21.93	21.98	23.68
6	Art Promotion Office ⁽⁸⁾	37.31	44.33	49.53	47.71	65.88 ⁽⁹⁾
7	Hong Kong Film Archive	42.23	50.73	57.43	57.65	53.56

Notes

- (1) Including the Flagstaff House Museum of Tea Ware. The Hong Kong Museum of Art (HKMoA) was temporarily closed from 3 August 2015 to 29 November 2019 for renovation.
- (2) The increase in the expenditure in 2022-23 was due to the organisation of various exhibitions and activities by the HKMoA in 2022 in celebration of its 60th anniversary.
- (3) Including the Dr Sun Yat-sen Museum, the Fireboat Alexander Grantham Exhibition Gallery, the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence, the Law Uk Folk Museum and the Lei Cheng Uk Han Tomb Museum. The Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence was temporarily closed from 17 September 2018 to 23 November 2022 for major repair and renovation.
- (4) Including the Hong Kong Railway Museum and the Sheung Yiu Folk Museum.
- (5) The increase in the expenditure in 2021-22 was due to the revamp of the “Bruce Lee: Kung Fu • Art • Life” exhibition organised by the Hong Kong Heritage Museum after it ended on 31 December 2020.
- (6) Including the Hong Kong Space Museum.
- (7) Including the Sam Tung Uk Museum.
- (8) Including the Hong Kong Visual Arts Centre and Oi!.
- (9) The increase in the revised estimated expenditure of the Art Promotion Office in 2023-24 is due to the organisation of Art@Harbour 2024.